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1. The political police in Thuringia bears the designation K(D). Its head is Inspekteur (fnu) Menzel. It is located in a building which formerly housed the offices of the regional commissioner (Landratsamt) on Kurthstrasse, Weimar.
2. K(D), in contradistinction to its predecessor organization K-5, is no longer a part of the regular police. Both administratively and in respect to personnel matters it is independent.
3. K(D) has been issued new cars, Volkswagen type, by the German Administration of the Interior. These cars cannot be distinguished from the common-run car, nor do they bear special license plates. The office has its own telephone and teletype net not controlled by the postal authorities.
4. On zonal level the political police is headed by the former Vice President of the German Administration of the Interior, Erich Mielke. He can no longer be reached under his old telephone number in the GAI. This permits the inference that his offices are no longer in the building of the GAI.*
5. A rumor is current in Weimar police circles that K(D) has ample funds at its disposal. Among the persons recruited for informant work are good-looking women considered politically reliable, a combination seldom found.
6. that this section has to all intents and purposes been liquidated. All K-5 personnel was left absolutely in the dark as to who would be transferred to K(D), this honor having been reserved only for the best and most reliable functionaries.
7. K(D)'s chief, Menzel, fought in the Spanish Civil War. He is close to 40 years of age. Key officials are: Oberpolizeirat Arndt, 45 years, Victim of Fascism, MVD informant, formerly with the Border and Paramilitary Police Section; Kommandeur Nuschke, approximately 38 years, who was transferred from Leipzig police headquarters to K(D) on a special confidential order which GAI President Kurt Fischer issued to the chief of the Landes-

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polizeibehörde. Menzel's private secretary is Oberpolizei-
kommissar Greta Grobe, a 24 year old party member (address:
Bertruchstrasse, Weimar), who supposedly also works in a
confidential capacity for Arndt.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] informs us that Mielke's
office is adjacent to Zeisser's on Kurze strasse.

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